



Introduced Version

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION requesting that the Health Finance Commission study the licensure of non-nurse midwives to perform out of hospital births.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION requesting that the Health Finance Commission study the licensure of non-nurse midwives to perform out of hospital births.

Whereas, Parents choosing to deliver their babies at home are not adequately informed;

Whereas, Home births should be attended only by qualified health professionals with good education, training, regulation, and oversight; and

Whereas, Backup medical care should be provided:
Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Health Finance Commission is requested to
- 2 study the licensure of non-nurse midwives to perform out of hospital
- 3 births and to report its findings to the General Assembly.
- 4 SECTION 2. That this study should include the following issues
- 5 relating to non-nurse and nurse midwives performing out of hospital
- 6 births:
- 7 (1) The educational and practical training that should be required
- 8 for a license or certification, and renewals.
- 9 (2) The scope of practice for nurse and non-nurse midwives.
- 10 (3) Whether a non-nurse midwife should be permitted to carry
- 11 and administer medications.
- 12 (4) The constitution and duties of a board to license and regulate



1 nurse and non-nurse midwives and whether that board should set
2 standards and oversee all midwives performing out of hospital
3 births.

4 (5) Whether physicians should enter into collaborative
5 agreements with midwives who perform out of hospital births
6 and provide backup medical care.

7 SECTION 3. That this study should also include consideration of
8 reports concerning quality, safety, and costs of out of hospital births
9 and in-hospital births in other states.

